

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

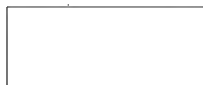
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1. South Vietnam



A. The presence of North Vietnamese regular army personnel with the guerrillas seems virtually confirmed in a [redacted] Viet Cong headquarters warning to its subordinate units on 14 September that "the friends who have just arrived" should destroy all "revealing items" brought from the "distant places", especially "photographs taken with regular army shirts." [redacted] 50X1

B. [redacted] some guerrilla concern over successful countermeasures in the area just south of Saigon. 50X1

C. Recent guerrilla successes, however, have stimulated a renewal of anti-Communist plotting to overthrow Diem. [redacted] 50X1

2. Pinay will bid for leadership of parliamentary opposition to De Gaulle



He plans soon to make a public announcement of his candidacy as leader of a coalition government designed eventually to replace the Debre government. Pinay will seek support on the right, but will try to leave the way open for the Socialists to join his coalition. How he would fit De Gaulle into this scheme is unclear. [redacted] 50X1

3. Berlin

A. The Polish UN representative said last Monday Soviet hints of a delay in signing the German peace treaty had no meaning, that Khrushchev would commit himself at the Party Congress to sign it this year, and that the signing would take place either immediately after the Congress or in December, depending on the state of US-Soviet negotiations.

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C. East German police fired more than 250 shots into West Berlin this morning in trying unsuccessfully to stop a group of refugees from crossing the line. The fire was not returned by West Berlin police.

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4. Soviet weapons tests yesterday

A. Another ICBM test to the Central Pacific appears to have been successful. The score now is 4 successes, 3 failures in flight and 1 overshoot.

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B. The nuclear test at Semipalatinsk, 26th in the series,

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NOTES

A. The Afghan-Pakistani impasse continues, while each side waits for Western pressure to force concessions from the other. Moscow is taking advantage of the situation to develop greater Afghan economic dependence on the USSR. 50X1

B. The Indian Communist Party [redacted] has declared its support for the Indian government in its border quarrel with Communist China. 50X1

Embassy Rio de Janeiro reports that the campaign for recall of Quadros to active political life is gathering momentum.

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action in the immediate future. However, current military measures associated with Soviet bloc - Warsaw Pact exercises are improving bloc military capabilities in Eastern Europe, and could afford the bloc a cover for preparations for hostilities.